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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee (SPAC)

(Nevada Revised Statute [NRS] 427A.034)

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, November 25, 2013
9:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging and Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, #104
Reno NV 89502

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call
Present: Connie McMullen, Jerry Johnson, Kathy McClain, Sue Rhodes
Absent: Barry Gold
Staff: Sally Ramm
A quorum was declared.
- II. Welcoming Remarks
Connie McMullen, Chair
- III. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Strategic Plan Accountability Subcommittee Meeting of October 30, 2013 **(For Possible Action)**
Connie McMullen, Chair
Motion by Ms. Rhodes, seconded by Ms. McClain. Approved as written.
- V. Announcements from Members
Connie McMullen, Chair

Ms. Rhodes said that the Skilled Nursing Facility Delmar Gardens in Clark County is not closing their Alzheimer's unit, and in fact they are planning to

expand it. This was in answer to a statement by Mr. Mathis from the Nevada Health Care Association at the October meeting that all facilities providing Alzheimer's units were closing the units. Ms. Rhodes said that there are other memory care facilities in Southern Nevada that are remaining open.

Mr. Johnson stated that a number of legislators are attending the Seniors United meetings. Seniors United members were able to talk to the legislators about issues concerning them, including social worker response time.

VI. Status of Aging and Disability Services Division Strategic Plan and Results of Survey.

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Ms. Gruner was on vacation, so Ms. McMullen reported that the survey distributed by the Committee on the Strategic Plan for Integration of Developmental Services and Early Intervention Services into ADSD has resulted so far in 318 responses, primarily from staff in Southern Nevada. The majority agreed with the choice of critical issues so the Committee feels they are on target. The issues that received the least approval were the sensitivity training and the annual report on performance. The deadline for response to the survey was extended.

The Committee held three town hall meetings, all conducted by Kelly Marschall of Social Entrepreneurs Inc. and Jane Gruner. Attending the meeting in Las Vegas were 5 people representing Early Intervention Services and Ms. Rhodes. In Elko there were many people, mostly parents and caregivers of children. In Washoe County, the audience consisted of people interested in Early Intervention Services, Adults with Disabilities, and Aging, including Ms. McMullen.

Ms. McMullen reported that the meetings of the Committee have been productive. Ms. McClain urged Ms. McMullen to continue making the case about not diverting money from aging to other programs.

VII. Review the Legislative Subcommittee's List of Priority Issues for the 2015 Legislative Session and Add any SPAC Priorities That are not Included. Discuss Meeting with other Commission on Aging Subcommittees and the Commission on Services for People with Disabilities to Coordinate Priorities and Determine the Most Effective Way of Educating Legislators. (For Possible Action)

Connie McMullen, Chair

Ms. McMullen reported that a joint meeting between the Commission on Aging and the Commission on Services for People with Disabilities was discussed at the Commission on Aging (COA) meeting. She also reported that many members of the COA went on visits to long-term care facilities with members

of the staff from the Ombudsman Program, including herself. She described the visit and how effective the Ombudsman was with a variety of problems the residents were having.

It was requested that establishing and funding a Registry List for Elder Abuse Perpetrators be forwarded to the Legislative Subcommittee for inclusion on their list of priorities for the 2015 Legislative session.

- VIII. Update on Nevada Health Link Outreach to Seniors and Ways SPAC can Help to get Information to Older People about how the Affordable Care Act Affects Them. **(For Possible Action)**

Barry Gold

This item was tabled until next meeting so that Mr. Gold could address it.

- IX. Consider Agenda Items and Date and Time for the Next Meeting_ **(For Possible Action)**

Connie McMullen, Chair

In addition to including items VI and VIII from this agenda, the following items will be placed on the agenda for the January 27, 2014 meeting:

- *Recommendations on issues to be addressed by the Legislative Committee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults with Special Needs.*
- *Report from Daniel Mathis, Nevada Health Care Association, on current information regarding the long-term care facilities.*
- *Report on the CSPD meeting and recommendations on a possible joint meeting with the COA.*
- *Report on the Ombudsman program*

- X. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item).

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1. Aging and Disability Services Division, Carson City Office, 3416 Goni Road, Suite D-132, Carson City, NV 89706
2. Aging and Disability Services Division, Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
3. Aging and Disability Services Division, Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
4. Aging and Disability Services Division, Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
6. Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 4401, Las Vegas, NV 89119
7. Department of Health and Human Services, 4126 Technology Way, Suite 100, Carson City 89706

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